

Kendra,

Please read into testimony

Support for SB 168 & HB 4303

Key components:

- **All work done within R/W of any existing road**
 - **NO permits needed for MDOT, Road Commissions and/or Twps.**
 - **NO wetland mitigation requirements under jurisdiction of the State of Michigan (Michigan can set their own requirements – currently .3 acre).**
- **Site evaluation should be conducted for T&E species and/or rare and special concern species.**
- **Bills should be expanded to include all other State jurisdictional wetlands in Michigan outside of the road R/W's for mitigation requirements to start at 1 acre in size (currently .3 acre).**
 - **High quality wetlands – 1 acre or greater (Size requirement for mitigation).**
 - **Poor quality wetlands – 3 acres or greater (Size requirement for mitigation).**

Thank You,

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The Delta County Road Commission voted to support Senate Bill 168 and House Bill 4303.

Key Points we would like considered (possible amendments)

- No mitigation requirements within existing road R/W (effective date when bill passes) for wetlands under the State of Michigan's jurisdiction.
- No permits needed for road work within an existing road R/W for wetlands under the State of Michigan's jurisdiction (similar to APA status for SESC Act 451, Part 91).
- "Road Work" means the maintenance, repair, improvement, reconstruction, and/or new construction of a road.
- A no-cost site evaluation should be conducted by the MDEQ or other authorized entity prior to "Road Work" to identify any possible Federal and/or State T&E species and/or rare/special concern species (letter of Effect or NO Effect issued).

Commissioners:

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